

RURAL DISTRICT OF CHELTENHAM

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MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE YEAR 1969.

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CHELTENHAM RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL,

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE YEAR 1969.

To the Chairman and Members of the  
Cheltenham Rural District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting the Annual Report for 1969 on the health and sanitary circumstances of the Rural District.

I am indebted to many officers of the Council for much of the material from which the Report is compiled and especially to Mr. F. H. Lewis, the Chief Public Health Inspector, for the section on the work of his department and to the Engineer and Surveyor, Mr. L. Grogan, for his comments on refuse and sewage disposal.

The Registrar-General's estimate of the population, 42,340 is 910 more than in the previous year but the growth in population is not quite as large as usual.

The Birth Rate, 14.8 per 1,000 population, continues the decline which has taken place since a peak in 1965 and is similar to the trend in the County and for the country as a whole.

The incidence of notifiable infectious disease was again extremely slight. The high level of immunisation and vaccination needs to be maintained and improvement made in the state of vaccination against measles.

In localities where general industrial development has been permitted complaints of nuisance from noise have been made in neighbouring residential areas. Negotiations with the firms concerned proved to be the most successful method of securing abatement of the nuisance.

Under the Imported Food Regulations 1968 food can now be transported directly from the docks to inland food storage depots where its examination becomes the responsibility of the inland local authority. There are two such depots in the Rural District and the Government make a financial grant towards the cost of this work.

I have held office for many years and throughout have enjoyed the support and encouragement of members of the Council and co-operation and loyalty of the staff.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

STEPHEN KNIGHT

Medical Officer of Health.

# CHELTENHAM RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

## STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

Area (in acres)	81,948
Registrar-General's estimate of mid year population (including members of the Armed Forces)	42,340
Number of Inhabited Houses (end 1969)	13,026
Rateable Value (at 31.12.69)	£1,646,972
Sum represented by a penny rate	£ 6,875

### VITAL STATISTICS.

These statistics give particulars of the births and deaths in the Rural District.

#### MOTHERS and INFANTS.

<b>1. LIVE BIRTHS</b>		<b>Total</b>	<b>Male.</b>	<b>Female.</b>
Number:	Legitimate .....	595	305	290
	Illegitimate .....	30	15	15
	<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>625</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>305</b>
Birth Rate per 1,000 of the population		14.8		
Area Comparability Factor (Births)		1.02		
Local adjusted rate		15.1		
<b>2. ILLEGITIMATE LIVE BIRTHS</b> (per cent of Total Live Births)		5%		
<b>3. STILL BIRTHS.</b>		<b>Total</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>
Number:	Legitimate .....	1	1	
	Illegitimate .....	2	1	1
	<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>
Still Birth Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) Births		5		
<b>4. TOTAL LIVE AND STILL BIRTHS:</b>		<b>628</b>		
<b>5. INFANT DEATHS</b>		<b>Total</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>
(1) Deaths of infants under 1 year:				
Number:	Legitimate .....	14	12	2
	Illegitimate .....			
	<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>14</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>2</b>
(2) Neo-natal Deaths under 4 weeks				
Number:	Legitimate .....	9	7	2
	Illegitimate .....			
	<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>9</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>
(3) Early Neo-natal Deaths of infants under 1 week				
Number:	Legitimate .....	7	6	1
	Illegitimate .....			
	<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>



# VITAL STATISTICS. (Continued)

6. <u>INFANT MORTALITY RATES</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>		
Total infant deaths per 1,000			
total live births	22		
Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000			
Legitimate live births	24		
Illegitimate infant deaths per			
1,000 Illegitimate live births	--		
7. <u>NEO-NATAL MORTALITY RATE</u> (deaths under			
4 weeks per 1,000 live births)	14		
8. <u>EARLY NEO-NATAL MORTALITY RATE</u> (deaths			
under 1 week per 1,000 total			
live births)	11		
9. <u>PERINATAL MORTALITY RATE</u> (Still births and			
deaths under 1 week combined per			
1,000 total live and still births)	16		
10. <u>MATERNAL MORTALITY</u> (including abortion)			
Number of deaths	None		
Rate per 1,000 total live and			
still births	Nil		
11. <u>DEATHS</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Number	395	198	197
Death rate per 1,000 of the population	9.3		
Area Comparability Factors(Deaths)	1.23		
Ratio of local adjusted death rate			
to National rate.	11.4		

## POPULATION:

The Registrar-General's estimate of the population 42,340 shows an annual increase of 910 somewhat below that of recent years which has been more than 1,000.

## BIRTH RATE:

There were 625 births as compared with 696 in the previous year. The Birth Rate 14.8 continuing the decline of the last four years.

## DEATH RATE:

395 people died during the year as compared with 354 the previous year but the Death Rate, 9.3 deaths per 1,000 population, is lower than the national average of 11.9.

## INFANT MORTALITY:

Fourteen infants died under one year of age, the infantile mortality being at the rate of 22 such deaths per 1,000 live births as against 18 for England and Wales. However if the still births are taken into account as in the perinatal mortality (still births and neo-natal deaths combined) the local average 16 compares favourably with that for the County and Country as a whole.

VITAL STATISTICS.      (Continued)

CANCER:

Death Rates from Cancer per 1,000 population:-

	<u>England &amp; Wales</u>			<u>Cheltenham Rural District Council.</u>		
	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Persons</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Persons</u>
Cancer of the Lung	1.039	0.202	0.610	0.8	0.14	0.47
Other Cancer	1.570	1.901	1.740	0.5	0.9	0.7

Sixteen men and three women died from cancer of the lung. Even so the local death rate from this cause and from other forms of cancer is lower than the national average.

CAUSES OF DEATH:

The causes of death in the following table are classified under the Abbreviated List (B List) of International Statistical Classifications:

		<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
B 5	Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	1	---
B 6	Other Tuberculosis, including late effects	1	1
B 19 (1)	Malignant Neoplasm, Buccal Cavity etc.	1	2
B 19 (2)	Malignant Neoplasm, Oesophagus	1	2
B 19 (3)	Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	4	1
B 19 (4)	Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine	3	5
B 19 (6)	Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	16	3
B 19 (7)	Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	---	5
B 19 (8)	Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	---	3
B 19 (9)	Malignant Neoplasm, Prostate	2	---
B 19 (10)	Leukaemia	1	2
B 19 (11)	Other Malignant Neoplasms	11	9
B 20	Benign and Unspecified Neoplasms	---	1
B 21	Diabetes Mellitus	1	3
B 46 (1)	Other Endocrine etc. Diseases	---	2
B 46 (2)	Other Diseases of Blood etc.	1	---
B 24	Meningitis	1	---
B 46 (4)	Other Diseases of Nervous System, etc.	1	2
B 26	Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	---	2
B 27	Hypertensive Disease	3	4
B 28	Ischaemic Heart Disease	59	41
B 29	Other Forms of Heart Disease	9	25
B 30	Cerebrovascular Disease	21	29
B 46 (5)	Other Diseases of Circulatory System	9	13
B 31	Influenza	4	2
B 32	Pneumonia	9	21
B 33 (1)	Bronchitis and Emphysema	9	4
B 33 (2)	Asthma	---	1
B 46 (6)	Other Diseases of Respiratory System	7	---
B 34	Peptic Ulcer	2	---
B 35	Appendicitis	---	1
B 36	Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia	---	1
B 37	Cirrhosis of Liver	---	3
B 46 (7)	Other Diseases of Digestive System	2	---
B 38	Nephritis and Nephrosis	1	---
B 39	Hyperplasia of Prostate	1	---
B 46 (8)	Other Diseases, Genito-Urinary System	3	1
B 42	Congenital Anomalies	1	2
B 43	Birth Injury, Difficult Labour, etc.	5	1
B 44	Other Causes of Perinatal Mortality	1	---
B 45	Symptoms and Ill Defined Conditions	1	4
BE 47	Motor Vehicle Accidents	2	1
BE 49	Suicide and Self-Inflicted Injuries	2	---
BE 50	All Other External Causes	2	---

TOTAL

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VITAL STATISTICS. (Continued)

BIRTH, DEATH and INFANTILE MORTALITY RATES in the  
DISTRICT FOR THE LAST FIVE YEARS.

	<u>1965</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>1967</u>	<u>1968</u>	<u>1969</u>
<u>Birth Rate</u> (per 1,000 population)	21.9	19.3	17.9	16.8	14.8
<u>Death Rate</u> (per 1,000 population)	8.6	9.6	8.4	8.5	9.3
<u>Infantile Mortality Rate</u> (per 1,000 Live Births - deaths of infants under 1 year)	16.97	8.0	17.0	4	22
<u>Neonatal Mortality Rate</u> (per 1,000 Live Births) (Deaths of infants under 1 month)	13.30	2.7	10	3	14

COMPARISON WITH THE BIRTH, DEATH AND INFANTILE MORTALITY  
RATES FOR ENGLAND AND WALES ETC. FOR 1969.

	<u>England &amp; Wales</u>	<u>County of Glos.</u>	<u>Cheltenham R. D. C.</u>
<u>Live Birth Rate</u> (per 1,000 population)	16.3	16.8	14.8
<u>Still Birth Rate</u> (per 1,000 total Live and Still Births)	13	11.1	5
<u>Infantile Mortality Rate</u> (per 1,000 Live Births - deaths of infants under 1 year)	18	15.9	22
<u>Neonatal Mortality Rate</u> (per 1,000 Live Births - deaths of Infants under 1 month)	12	11.0	14
<u>Early Neonatal Mortality Rate</u> (per 1,000 total Live Births) (Deaths under 1 week of age)	10	9.0	11
<u>Perinatal Mortality Rate</u> (per 1,000 Live and Still Births - Still Births and Infants Deaths under one week)	23	20.0	16
<u>Death Rate</u> (per 1,000 population)	11.9	10.4	9.3



PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER  
INFECTION AND OTHER DISEASES.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED DURING 1969.  
(excluding Tuberculosis)

	<u>Under</u> <u>1 year</u>		<u>1 - 4</u>		<u>5 - 14</u>		<u>15 - 24</u>		<u>25 and</u> <u>over</u>		<u>Age</u> <u>Unknown</u>		<u>Total.</u>	
	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>
Scarlet Fever	-	-	-	1	9	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	5
Whooping Cough	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
Polio-myelitis, para- lytic, non-paralytic	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Measles	-	-	4	9	2	8	1	-	1	-	-	-	8	17
Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dysentery	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	2	-
Meningococcal infection	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

	<u>Under</u> <u>5 years</u>		<u>5 - 14</u>		<u>15 - 44</u>		<u>45 - 64</u>		<u>65 and</u> <u>over</u>		<u>Total</u>	
	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>
Pneumonia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Encephalitis, infectious	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Erysipelas	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Infective Jaundice	-	-	8	5	4	2	-	-	-	-	12	7

Scarlet Fever

As has been usual for many years, the incidence of Scarlet Fever was light and the cases mild in character.

Diphtheria

The District continues to be free from Diphtheria.  
The last case occurred in 1949.

Whooping Cough

Only two cases were notified.

Measles

25 cases were notified as compared with several hundred cases in previous years when vaccination against the disease was not available.

Polio-myelitis

The District continued free from polio-myelitis.

Dysentery

No notifications were received.

Infective Jaundice

This disease has been made notifiable and nineteen cases were reported. Cases tend to occur in a particular locality but direct contact can seldom be traced.



PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER  
INFECTION AND OTHER DISEASES

INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED DURING 1969 (Continued)  
(excluding Tuberculosis)

Food Poisoning

(a) Food Poisoning Notifications (Corrected) as Returned to Registrar General.

<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>Total</u>
---	---	4	---	4

(b) CASES OTHERWISE ASCERTAINED: NIL

(c) SYMPTOMLESS EXCRETORS: NIL

(d) FATAL CASES: NIL

Causative Agent	No. of Outbreaks		No. of Cases		Total No. of Cases
	Separate	Family	Notified	Otherwise Ascertained	
clostridium welchii	1	Nil	4	---	4

Four cases from one outbreak were notified. The food causing the outbreak was beef, boiled one day, and left to cool overnight in the broth at a high seasonal temperature and re-heated on the following day.

IMMUNISATION AGAINST DIPHTHERIA

State of protection of children against Diphtheria

Born in year	<u>1969</u>	<u>1968</u>	<u>1967</u>
Number and percentage of children immunised	25 (4%)	528 (81%)	580 (94%)

VACCINATION AGAINST SMALLPOX

State of protection of children against Smallpox

Born in year	<u>1969</u>	<u>1968</u>	<u>1967</u>
Number and percentage of children vaccinated	6 (1%)	104 (16%)	300 (48%)

## TUBERCULOSIS

### NEW CASES

	<u>Children</u> <u>0 - 4 years</u>	<u>5 - 14 years</u>	<u>All persons</u>
Respiratory			2
Meninges and C.N.S.			1
Other forms			
		<b>TOTAL:</b>	<u>3</u>

### DEATHS

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Respiratory	---	---
Meninges and C.N.S.	---	---
Other forms	---	---

### TUBERCULOSIS REGISTER

The number of cases on the register at 31st December, 1969 was as follows:-

<u>Male</u>	<u>Pulmonary</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Non-Pulmonary</u>		<u>Total</u>	<u>All forms</u>
	<u>Female</u>		<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>		<u>Total</u>
42	15	<u>57</u>	1	12	<u>13</u>	<u>70</u>

Nowadays treatment of the disease is effective and patients are not ill for long periods. Three new cases occurred and every effort was made to find the source of the infection and to trace all the contacts. By such means together with full support of the Mass Radiography Service and B.C.G. Vaccination, tuberculosis could be eradicated.

### PUBLIC HEALTH

#### FOOD & DRUGS ACT, 1955.

##### Clean Food and Food Hygiene.

Regulations are in force for securing hygienic methods in the handling, wrapping and delivery of food for sale. The Regulations require that clean food should be dealt with only by clean persons in clean premises, using clean equipment.

Food shops and similar establishments (including vehicles) are inspected regularly to ensure that food is wholesome and that the premises and vehicles comply with requirements.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948.

Section 47 - Removal to Suitable Premises of Persons  
in need of care and attention.

National Assistance (Amendment) Act, 1951 - Section 1.

These Acts give local authorities power to apply to the Courts for the compulsory removal of aged or sick persons who are living in insanitary conditions and are unable to provide for themselves and are not receiving from other people, proper care and attention. It was not necessary to make any application to the Court during the year.

The Home Help Service and Old People's Welfare Committee are of great assistance to many elderly people, enabling them to carry on in their own homes even though they have been left on their own.

Old People's Welfare Committee

An Old People's Welfare Committee operates in the area. The Committee helps to co-ordinate local Services, both voluntary and statutory, for the elderly. This Committee has proved most useful and members act as visitors in their own area. Mr. W. A. Acocks is the Hon. Secretary of the Cheltenham Rural District Old People's Welfare Committee.

A Day Centre and its transport service has been set up to help persons who would otherwise be housebound.

Meals on Wheels.

A meals on wheels scheme operates in the Rural District. The service is developing and it is expected to extend to supply all those in need of the meals.

The W.R.V.S. act as agents of County Welfare in promoting the Scheme through the local organiser, Miss J. Mann. The deficit on the service is met by equal contributions from the County Council and District Council.

Families at Risk

A "Prevention of Homelessness" Scheme has been agreed between the County Council and the District Council. The Council may refer families for inclusion in this scheme when the rent arrears amount to £10 or four weeks rent. In cases so referred the County Council agrees to guarantee 85% of the arrears and supervision of the family is undertaken by the County Council Social Welfare Officer.

If a family is in danger of losing the home, the Divisional Medical Officer of Health calls a meeting of representatives of social agencies concerned, in order that the circumstances may be discussed and a co-ordinated effort made to help the family.



## GENERAL PROVISIONS FOR HEALTH SERVICES.

### Laboratory Facilities

Samples of water, milk and ice-cream and pathological specimens are sent for bacteriological analysis to the Public Health Laboratory, Gloucester. The Laboratory is part of the Public Health Laboratory Service of the Department of Health & Social Security, and no charge is made for making use of its services.

Specimens for chemical examinations are submitted to the City Analyst, Bristol or to the County and City Analyst, Worcester.

### HOME HELP SERVICE

This service is organised by the County Council and a charge is made according to a scale of assessment.

The Home Help takes over the running of the home where the housewife is temporarily incapacitated through illness. As noted elsewhere, the Service is very useful to old people who can no longer manage because of infirmity.

Appeals for assistance from the Home Help Service should be made to Mrs. J. Williams, the Area Home Help Organiser at the Divisional Health Office, Copt Elm Road, Charlton Kings, Cheltenham. (Telephone No. Cheltenham 25746 and 25747).

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### Nursing in the Home

The area is under the control of the County Council. Information is available from the Divisional Health Office, Charlton Kings.

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### CHILD HEALTH CLINICS

Apperley	Last Thursday	Starway	2nd Friday
Ashchurch	Alternate Tuesdays	Twynning	2nd Thursday
Bishop's Cleeve	Each Wednesday	Warden Hill	Each Tuesday
	1st Thursday (Toddlers)		2nd Monday (Toddlers)
+Dumbleton	4th Friday	Winchcombe	1st. & 3rd. Tuesday
Leckhampton	Each Friday	Witcombe & Bentham	1st. & 3rd. Tuesday
Prestbury	Each Tuesday	+Gotherington	1st. Wednesday
The Reddings	2nd. & 4th. Thursday	+Swindon Village	2nd. & 4th. Mondays
Shurdington	1st., 3rd. and 5th. Wednesday (Toddlers)		

#### + MOBILE UNIT

Dumbleton and Starway now served by the Mobile Unit on the 3rd Friday.

These Clinics are under the administration of the County Council. Nearly all mothers and babies attend. The bulk of the work falls upon the ladies of the local Voluntary Committee and the thanks of the community are due to them for their devotion to this work.



PUBLIC SWIMMING BATHS.

Stanton Open Air Pool.

This concrete lined pool has a capacity of 70,000 gallons and is situated a few hundred yards to the east of the village. During the summer months it is in constant use, not only by bathers from Stanton and the surrounding villages, but also by visitors to the Gloucestershire Education Authority's Summer Youth Camp, close by.

While the pool is maintained and administered by the Parish Council, the water is supplied by the Water Undertaking. Chlorination is carried out by means of sulphate of ammonia and chloros and the pool is emptied, thoroughly cleansed and re-filled at approximately fortnightly intervals. Samples for bacteriological examination are taken periodically.

WATER SUPPLY.

The supply in the district was satisfactory in quantity and quality throughout the year. All the supplies are chlorinated.

Samples were taken for bacteriological analysis from public and private supplies.

None of the waters are liable to have plumbo-solvent action.

	<u>No. of Houses.</u>	<u>Estimated Population.</u>	<u>No. of houses supplied direct into houses.</u>	<u>Population supplied direct into house.</u>	<u>Population supplied by means of standpipe.</u>
Alderton	231	687	231	687	
Ashchurch	852	3,056	852	3,056	
Badgeworth	768	2,464	768	2,464	
Bishops Cleeve	1,965	6,644	1,965	6,644	
Boddington	94	301	94	301	
Buckland	87	257	87	257	
Coberley*	86	312	86	312	
Cowley	100	314	100	314	
Deerhurst	194	618	190	605	
Dumbleton*	174	567	171	557	
Elmstone Hardwicke	70	260	70	260	
Gotherington	291	904	291	904	
Great Witcomb*	34	108	34	108	
Hawling	50	171	50	171	
Leckhampton	1,505	4,673	1,505	4,673	
Leigh	91	285	91	285	
Oxenton	58	172	58	172	
Prescott*	27	90	27	90	
Prestbury	1,755	5,572	1,755	5,572	
Shurdington	689	2,165	689	2,165	
Snowshill	64	221	64	22	
Southam	241	707	241	707	
Stanton	102	288	102	288	
Stanway	133	412	133	412	
Staverton	252	707	252	707	
Stoke Orchard	98	314	98	314	
Sudeley*	41	152	41	152	
Swindon	368	1,223	368	1,223	
Teddington	108	323	106	317	2
Toddington	121	411	121	411	
Twynning	319	1,020	312	998	
Uckington	120	399	120	399	
Up Hatherley	392	1,132	392	1,132	
Walton Cardiff	20	60	20	60	
Winchcombe	1,446	4,460	1,445	4,458	2
Woodmancote	530	1,703	530	1,703	
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>13,476</u>	<u>43,152</u>	<u>13,459</u>	<u>43,099</u>	<u>4</u>

\*PRIVATE or PART PRIVATE SUPPLIES.

## REFUSE COLLECTION

The Surveyor reports that the Council employ seven vehicles on this service. Built-up areas which house approximately two-thirds of the population, receive a weekly collection, and the remainder a fortnightly collection. The volume of household refuse continued to increase and the question of disposal was constantly under consideration. Refuse from the north of the district was tipped at Winchcombe, and refuse from the south of the district at the Cheltenham Corporation Tip, by arrangement. Consultations took place with adjoining authorities regarding future tipping sites.

The County Council were approached regarding Work Study and they produced a feasibility report on this service. After consideration the Council agreed that the County Council Management Services should prepare a traditional measured work incentive bonus scheme.

## SEWAGE DISPOSAL

The Surveyor reports that during the year preparatory work continued on the following proposed schemes.

- Provisions of sewers - Uckington and Hayden.
- Provision of main sewerage at Apperley, Deerhurst.
- Enlargement of Sewage Works - Brockhampton.
- Enlargement of Sewage Works at Alderton.
- Provision of sewers and Works at Stoke Orchard (including the hamlet Hardwicke).
- Provision of sewers to part of Ashchurch.

CHEL TENHAM RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Report by the Chief Public Health Inspector  
on the work of the Department for the year 1969

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting the Annual Report on the work of my department and would like to take this opportunity of thanking the Chairman and Members of the Council for the consideration and support extended to me during the year.

In the field of housing the emphasis in the national housing policy tends towards the preservation and conservation of older houses and the raising of standards by the provision of amenities. The Council's programme for the improvement of the older Council houses being virtually complete it was decided that a survey should be made in the private sector; accordingly provision was made for an Inspector to be employed to survey approximately 700 houses which had been placed in Category III in the Rural Housing Survey in order to ascertain what improvements or deterioration had taken place. This work will be carried out in 1970.

The activities of the department have continued to increase due to the growth of the district, the need for increased and improved services and new legislation. The following report deals with the principal sections of the works of the department.

I would like to thank all members of the Council's staff for the friendly and close co-operation which has prevailed throughout the year.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,  
Your obedient servant,

F. H. LEWIS

Chief Public Health Inspector.



## HOUSING

The number of new dwellings completed in the district during the year totalled 245, of these 241 were erected by private enterprise. The Council completed 4 dwellings at Winchcombe.

Taking a figure of 3.2 persons per dwelling, it is estimated that accommodation was provided for a population of approximately 784, with consequent increase in the demand for services, such as sewerage and refuse collection.

The Council has continued its activities regarding improvement grants and owners of property are encouraged to make applications and every assistance is given to applicants. There are still many properties in need of improvement and it is hoped that in course of time, the majority, if not all, will take advantage of the benefits of the scheme.

### Housing Act, 1957 - 1961

	<u>Year Ending:</u>	
	<u>31.12.68</u>	<u>31.12.69</u>
Houses demolished in Clearance Areas, unfit for human habitation	Nil	2
Houses demolished not in Clearance Areas but as a result of formal or informal procedure under Section 16 or Section 17 (1) Housing Act, 1957	Nil	1
Unfit houses closed under Section 16 (4), 17 (1) and 35 (1) Housing Act, 1957, and Section 26 Housing Act, 1961	Nil	1
Unfit houses made fit and houses in which defects were remedied:		
After informal action	18	36
After formal notice under Sections 9 & 16 Housing Act, 1957	Nil	2
After formal notice under Public Health Acts	Nil	Nil
After determination of a clearance order	Nil	2
After determination of a demolition order, under Section 24, Housing Act, 1957	Nil	1
After determination of a closing order under Section 27, Housing Act, 1957	1	3
Number of housing inspections or re-visits:	130	188
Number of visits in connection with improvement grant enquiries	Nil	201

### Improvement Grants

#### Discretionary Grants

#### Conversions

Applications Received (dwellings)	2
Applications Approved - owner/occupied (dwellings)	2
Applications Approved - other (dwellings)	1
Total Amount Approved	£1,445
Grants Paid (No. of Dwellings)	5
Grants Paid - Total Amount	£1,745

#### Improvements

Applications Received (dwellings)	9
Applications Approved - owner/occupied (dwellings)	3
Applications Approved - other (dwellings)	3
Total Amount Approved	£2,239. 16. 0.
Grants Paid (dwellings)	21
Grants Paid - Total Amount	£6,292



Standard Grants

Applications Received (dwellings)	8
Applications Approved - owner/occupied - Full Standard (normal limit) (dwellings)	2
Applications Approved - owner/occupied - Full Standard (higher limit) (dwellings)	3
Applications Approved - owner/occupied - Reduced Standard	5
Applications Approved - other dwellings - Full Standard (normal limit)	1
Applications Approved other dwellings - Full Standard (higher limit)	2

Standard Grants Paid:

Dwellings	21
Total Amount	£3,367. 15. 0.
Amenities Provided:-	
Fixed baths or showers	16
Wash Basins	19
Hot Water supplies at 3 points	13
Hot Water supplies at 1 or 2 points	7
Water Closets	14
Food Storage Facilities	9

Higher Limit Grants(included above)

Dwellings	5
Additional work:-	
Nos. of bathrooms	3
No. of piped water supplies	1
No. of septic tank drainage systems	4

Reduced Standard Grants

Dwellings	3
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Improvement Grants

The results have in all instances been very satisfactory and there is no doubt that improvement grants have enabled accommodation to be retained and thus avoided the Council having to provide more houses.

## PUBLIC HEALTH

Under this heading has been included the work in connection with milk supply, infectious diseases, water supply, nuisances, disinfestations, tents, vans and sheds, factories and workshops, pollution of streams, inspection of food premises, public conveniences and sewage disposal, etc.

The following figures show the activities during the year:-

	<u>Year Ending:</u>	
	<u>31.12.68.</u>	<u>31.12.69.</u>
Number of complaints received or nuisances discovered	87	86
Nuisances abated	59	56
Complaints not justified	35	26
Informal notices sent	41	18
Statutory Notices served	2	--
Number of premises disinfested	2	3
Number of visits in connection with the above items	283	362
Number of visits to public conveniences	24	4
Infectious disease visits	6	49
Number of visits in connection with sewerage survey	--	302
Other Public Health Visits, i.e. Farm drainage, flooding, etc.	469	350

### Inspection of Foods:

#### CONDEMNED FOOD

	<u>lbs.</u>	<u>ozs.</u>
Bacon	51	3
Beef	25	0
Ham	13	0
Pork	44	2
Stewed Steak with gravy	6	12
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>140</u>	<u>1</u>

#### FOOD CONDEMNED BY REASON OF BREAKDOWN IN REFRIGERATION

Beans	11	4
Beef	34	2
Beefburgers	5	4
Broccoli	1	14
Chicken	4	6
Chicken pies	4	8½
Chipped potatoes	22	8
Cod	50	11
Corn on the Cob	3	0
Faggotts		12
Fish Cakes	12	4
Fish & Chips	9	0
Fish Fingers	13	2
Haddock	23	7½
Kippers	13	4
Lamb	23	8
Mixed Vegetables	14	12
Pastry (Puff and Crusty)	19	11½
Peas	54	1

Inspection of Foods: (Continued)

FOOD CONDEMNED BY REASON OF BREAKDOWN IN REFRIGERATION (Continued)

	<u>lbs.</u>	<u>ozs.</u>
Plaice	8	14
Pork	18	0
Pork Sausages	4	1
Rissoles	12	10½
Sausage Rools	6	4
Spinach	4	2
Sprouts	4	4
Steak and Kidney pies	2	12
Steaklets	8	9½
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>391</u>	<u>0½</u>

TOTAL FOOD CONDEMNED:

4 cwt. 2 qrs. 27 lbs. 1½ ozs.

Number of visits made to condemn stock

9

Condemned food is disposed of by burial in lime at the Council's tips.

THE IMPORTED FOOD REGULATIONS, 1968.

Examination of Imported Foodstuffs.

The two depots situated in this district continued to receive imported food by containerisation service and 68 visits were made during the course of the year by the Public Health Inspectors to ensure that the regulations were being complied with, and that the food concerned was fit for human consumption.

The number of consignments examined are as follows:-

		<u>APPROXIMATE TOTAL WEIGHTS:</u>			
		<u>Tons.</u>	<u>Cwts.</u>	<u>Qrs.</u>	<u>lbs.</u>
20 consignments:	French & Dutch Frozen Boneless Beef	322	10	1	22
2 consignments:	Irish Butter	35	16	0	0
48 consignments:	Danish Bacon	76	0	0	0
3 consignments:	Irish Bacon	2	2	3	12
TOTAL (Approx.)		436	9	1	6

Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960.

Food Shops and Catering establishments are inspected to ensure that food is wholesome and to verify compliance with the Act. The number of premises are as follows.

<u>Trade</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Fitted to comply with Regulation 16</u>	<u>Regulation 19 applicable</u>	<u>Fitted to comply with Regulation 19</u>
Bakers	8	8	8	8
Butchers	12	12	12	12
Cafes	9	9	9	9
Confectioners	9	7	8	8
Fishfriers	2	2	2	2
General Stores	55	51	54	51
Greengrocers	7	5	7	7
Sweet Retailers	2	2	1	1
Hotels	11	11	11	11
Public Houses	41	41	41	41
Factory Canteens	10	10	10	10
Clubs	13	11	13	13
Wet Fish	1	1	1	1
Tea Rooms	2	2	2	2
Restaurants	2	2	2	2
Hostels	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
	<u>185</u>	<u>175</u>	<u>182</u>	<u>179</u>

Mobile General Stores	5
Mobile Butchers Stores	1
Mobile Fish Friers	1
Mobile Cafe	1
Mobile Wet Fish	1
Mobile Greengrocers	2
Informal Notices sent	13

Food & Drugs Act, 1955.

During the year 24 visits were made in the course of investigating 9 complaints which were received as to the condition and quality of food purchased by the Public.

In four cases it was considered that no action could be taken, one of which was referred to the Gloucestershire County Weights and Measures Department.

Warning letters were sent to offending firms in 5 cases and no prosecutions were instituted during the year.

Section 16 (1)

Number of premises registered for the sale and storage of icecream:	102
Number of applications considered and licences issued during the year:	0
Number of premises registered for the preparation of preserved foods intended for sale:	5
Total number of visits in connection with the Food and Drugs Acts:	239



### Offices, Shops & Railway Premises Act, 1963.

No new premises were registered during the year, and the total number of premises registered is as follows:-

Offices	25
Retail Shops	77
Wholesale Shops, Warehouses	6
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens	20
Fuel storage depots	<u>1</u>
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>129</u>

General inspections were continued during the year through the Rural District and premises were found to generally comply with the Act.

Minor infringements were dealt with by verbal notice and followed up by letters where found to be necessary, and covered such matters as

- (a) Provision of abstract of Act.
- (b) Provision of thermometers.
- (c) Provision of wash hand basins with hot water.
- (d) Ventilation.
- (e) General defects and cleanliness.

Two accidents were reported during the year and in one case a cleaner slipped on a satisfactory floor and no action was found to be necessary. In the second case repairs were carried out following a fall by a drayman whilst delivering barrels to a public house.

It was not found necessary to institute any legal proceedings during the year.

No. of informal notices sent	6
No. of visits	234

### The Caravan Sites & Control of Development Act, 1960.

At the end of the year the number of licenced sites in use totalled 99, covering 809 (including 248 seasonal and holiday) caravans.

Inspections of all sites were carried out during the year and contraventions were dealt with by a letter to the site owners concerned.

Proceedings were taken against the occupier of land under the provisions of the Act for permitting caravans to be stationed whilst not the holder of a site licence. The case was proven and the magistrates imposed a fine of £30 with costs of £10. 10. 0.

Six other cases of unauthorised caravans were dealt with and were subsequently removed.

Applications were dealt with as follows:

New Sites	1 relating to 2 Caravans
New Sites(seasonal)	NIL
Additions to existing sites	1 relating to 15 Caravans
Additions to existing sites(seasonal)	2 relating to 29 Caravans
Renewal of site licences	14 relating to 14 Caravans.
No. of visits to sites	471
No. of informal notices served	40

### Factories Act, 1961:

	<u>Year ending:</u>	
	<u>31.12.68</u>	<u>31.12.69</u>
Number of visits to factories and outworkers:	224	64
Number of informal notices served:	5	2

See also additional information annexed to this report.

Water Supplies:

The number of new connections made to the mains during the year totalled:	300
Number of visits to supplies, etc.	39
Number of samples of private supplies submitted to the Public Health Laboratory for Bacteriological Examination	16
Number of samples submitted for Chemical Examination	1

PETROLEUM(REGULATION)ACTS, 1928 and 1936.

The Model Code of 1957 was revised this year by the Standing Advisory Committee on Dangerous Substances, new applications will be dealt with on the basis of the new code and alterations and improvements will be to the new standard if they can be achieved by works which are practicable and reasonable and are essential to public safety.

Number of informal notices served	24
Number of licences issued to store petroleum	85
Number of visits	236
Number of storage tanks condemned and rendered safe	3

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949.

	<u>Non-Agricultural.</u>	<u>Agricultural.</u>
1. No. of properties in District	13,621	814
2.(a) Total number of properties(including nearby premises)inspected following notification	180	16
(b) Number infested by Rats	133	16
" " " Mice	27	Nil
3.(a) Total number of properties inspected for Rats and/or Mice for reasons other than notification	143	109
(b) Number infested by Rats	96	46
(c) " " " Mice	26	9
Number of visits by Pest operator	2,107	
Number of visits by other members of Staff	<u>383</u>	
TOTAL	<u>2,490</u>	

Treatment of Sewers:

The Council's sewers were test baited and treated as follows:-

<u>Parish:</u>	<u>July Manholes Test Baited</u>	<u>Infested and treated</u>	<u>November/December Manholes Test Baited</u>	<u>Infested and treated</u>
Alderton	6	---	---	---
Ashchurch	5	---	---	---
Badgeworth	5	---	---	---
Bishops Cleeve	17	---	---	---
Buckland	3	---	---	---
Coberley	2	---	---	---
Cowley	2	---	---	---
Deerhurst	1	---	---	---
Dumbleton	4	---	---	---
Gotherington	6	---	---	---
Leckhampton	15	---	---	---
Prestbury	17	---	2	---
Shurdington	8	---	---	---
Snowshill	3	---	---	---
Southam	3	---	---	---
Stanton	2	---	---	---
Staverton	4	2	2	---
Swindon	6	---	---	---
Teddington	2	---	---	---
Toddington	5	---	---	---
Twynning	3	---	---	---
Up Hatherley	5	---	---	---
Winchcombe	13	---	3	---
Woodmancote	3	---	---	---

SUMMARY of VISITS.

	<u>1967</u>	<u>Year ending: 1968</u>	<u>1969</u>
Housing Act inspections	255	130	188
Improvement Grants	225	530	201
<u>Public Health:</u>			
Nuisances, Statutory Notices, etc.	325	283	362
Sewerage Scheme survey	---	---	302
Public Conveniences	29	24	4
Infectious diseases	24	6	49
Other Public Health Visits(Farm drainage, flooding, etc.)	349	469	350
Imported Food Regulations, 1968	---	49	68
Food & Drugs Acts	293	184	239
Offices, Shops & Railway Premises Act, 1963	144	102	234
Caravan Sites	406	456	471
Factories Act (Including Outworkers)	221	224	64
Water Supplies	98	163	39
Petroleum Act, 1928 & 1936	191	254	236
Pest Destruction	2,114	1,922	2,490
Miscellaneous visits	322	361	69
<u>TOTAL:</u>	<u>4,996</u>	<u>5,157</u>	<u>5,366</u>



## FACTORIES ACT, 1961

Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health  
in respect of the year 1969 for the Rural District  
of Cheltenham in the County of Gloucestershire

Prescribed particulars on the  
Administration of the  
Factories Act, 1961

Part 1 of the Act

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by the Public Health Inspectors)

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Inspections (3)	Number of written Notices (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
(1) Factories in which sections 1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	28	19	---	---
(2) Factories not included in (1) in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	111	36	1	---
(3) Other premises in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	14	7	1	---
TOTAL:	153	62	2	---

2. Cases in which defects were found:

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred to H.M. Inspector (4)	by H.M. Inspector (5)	
Sanitary Conveniences(S7)					
(a) Insufficient	2	1	---	1	---
(b) Unsuitable or defective	---	---	---	---	---



APPENDIX      (Continued)

FACTORIES ACT, 1961

Part VIII of the Act

Outwork

(Sections 133 and 134)

Nature of Work  (1)	Section 133			Section 134		
	No. of out-workers in August list required by Section 133(1) (c)  (2)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council  (3)	No. of prosecu- tions for failure to supply lists  (4)	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises  (5)	Notices served  (6)	Prose- cutions  (7)
Wearing apparel and alterations	1	---	---	---	---	---



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